

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-indicated patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed April 27, 2004. Claims 1-30 have been rejected. Accordingly, various claims have been amended or cancelled and supporting remarks are presented herewith that particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as his invention. No new matter has been added.

ALL CLAIMS ARE NOW IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Knodt et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,124,731) in view of Desmond et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,991,516).

The subject amendment has further limited the claims to reflect limitations that are particularly suited to cover sheet generation in a networked environment. The subject claims now include structure or steps that facilitate novel aspects of cover generation in a shared printer or office network environment. These limitations are not taught by the art of record.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present claims distinguish over the prior art and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that the present application distinguishes over the prior art, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes there are any further matters, which need to be discussed in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.


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Respectfully submitted,

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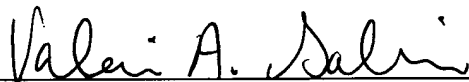


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